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¶1. The following is Post's update of the annual "Patterns of Global Terrorism." We are sending an addendum containing relevant details/developments septel.

¶2. United Arab Emirates

In 2004, the United Arab Emirates continued to provide outstanding counterterrorism assistance and cooperation. The UAE Government publicly condemned on numerous occasions acts of violence and terrorism in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf region. In July, the late President Sheikh Zayed issued an anti-terrorism law defining terrorist crimes and punishment, and specifically criminalizing the funding of terrorist organizations. In October, the UAE hosted an international conference on Islam designed to encourage moderation and condemn extremism and terrorism. In December, the U.S. and the Emirate of Dubai signed a Container Security Initiative Statement of Principles aimed at screening U.S.-bound containerized cargo transiting Dubai's ports. The UAE also undertook several security measures along its land border and at sea to deter terrorists from reaching UAE soil.

In suppressing terrorist financing, the UAE Central Bank continued to aggressively enforce anti-money laundering regulations. Tightened oversight and reporting requirements for domestic financial markets resulted in a stronger legal and regulatory framework to deter abuse of the UAE financial system. The Central Bank has provided training programs to financial institutions on money laundering and terrorist financing.

The Central Bank has also investigated financial transactions and frozen accounts in response to UN resolutions and internal investigations, as well as registering approximately 119 hawala dealers (informal money remittance and exchange businesses). The US Government has provided the UAE with

anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering training, as well as technical assistance for bankers, prosecutors, judges, and police.

The UAE has provided assistance in several terrorist investigations.

The UAE is a party to eight of the 12 international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism.
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